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REMARKS

1. On 10 February 1954, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241) in Bernau was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Between 25 January and 10 February, about 30 T-34 tanks, 1 SU-85 gun, 8 x 120-mm mortars, 12 x 82-mm mortars, 20 x 57-mm AT guns and 11 x 76.2-mm AT guns were observed in the barracks area. About 150 to 170 troops at drill, about 15 to 20 troops receiving instruction on 2 x 57-mm AT guns, and 3 trucks at driving school practice were repeatedly observed in the barracks area. On 10 February, about 30 troops practiced aiming with a machine gun on a vibrating mount, while other troops with 120-mm mortars entered the installation.

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2. On 10 February, the restricted area on Karl Marx Strasse (4248) was occupied by about 80 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Source did not observe any training.

3. On 10 February, former Army Clothing Depot I (4244) was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Between 25 January and 10 February, 30 x 76.2-mm and 57-mm AT guns and 8 x 100-mm AT guns were observed in the barracks area. About 70 to 100 troops at drill, about 40 troops, who practiced aiming with 2 x 100-mm AT guns, and about 50 troops, who received instruction on aiming circles and commander's telescopes, were repeatedly observed. At about 8 p.m. on 5 February, 8 trucks, towing 100-mm AT guns, each occupied by 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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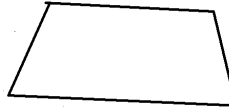
4. On 10 February, the SS Priestaubenstation (homing pigeon station) (4243) was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Between 25 January and 10 February, 7 x 37-mm AA guns were observed in the barracks area. About 40 to 75 troops were repeatedly seen receiving instruction on 2 to 3 x 37-mm AA guns and about 40 to 80 troops engaged in drill.

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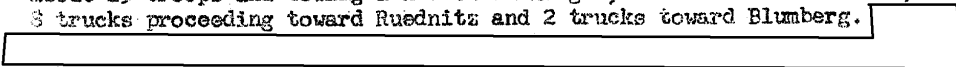
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5. In early February, former Army Clothing Depot I was occupied to capacity. The clearing up of building No 7 was almost completed and construction work allegedly was to start soon. On 12 February, 10 trucks, each occupied by about 15 troops and towing 1 x 76.2-mm AT gun, left the installation, with 8 trucks proceeding toward Ruednitz and 2 trucks toward Blumberg.



6. In early February, source determined that the former revenue office on Zeparnicker Chaussee was to serve as club and motion picture theater, rather than as an officers' billets. 1

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Comment. The occupation strength of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne is believed to be underestimated. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the military installations in Bernau.

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